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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The request for reconsideration and withdrawal of the Defective Appeal Brief filed 4/21/2004 has been denied because Appellant has not fully replied to the issues 2-6 as set forth in prior Office letter, dated 3/16/2004.

a) Re. item 2, Note: the appeal brief states only dependent claims 4-7 are appealed claims. However, non-appealed claims 1-3 and 8 are also listed under the appendix of appealed claims.

b) Re. item 3, the appeal brief does not provide a statement of the status of the after final amendment filed on 10/27/2003, which has not been entered.

c) Re. item 4: the summary of the invention is deficient because it is not a concise explanation of the invention (see MPEP section 1206).

d) Re. item 5: the issues in the appeal brief are directed to the after final amendment, which has not been entered.

e) Re. item 6: the appeal brief does not state the three ground rejections as discussed in the final rejections.

For all reasons above, the prior Notice of Non Compliance is maintained for the reasons of the record.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh Trinh whose telephone number is (703) 305-2887. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.



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